

Libya cuts its troops serving with terrorists

Saigon team to Paris 'to complete protocols'

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Libya has cut the number of troops attached to terrorist groups along the Syrian and Lebanese front lines, it was learned today.

The move, which would cut Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi's volunteer force to 10,000, was announced by the leader in a speech to the volunteers, and was "rotting" the force, he said.

He said he believed that the reason behind the withdrawal of the volunteers was the "present role as the main force against Israel, and it is better to have the Syrians' help."

He said the Libyan move as part of a joint Egyptian-Libyan attempt to neutralize the war effort rather than to contain Syria's internal and peaceful aggression.

Gaddafi's volunteer force, which has been fighting in the Sinai since the Six Day War, was a coordinated and fought jointly, withdrawal of the Libyan troops can be seen as an attempt to limit Syrian activities, and an action of contempt for Damascus' action on the battlefield.

Gaddafi was trying to play Syria's role as a revolutionary force, he may also be taking a view, to halt "increasing leftist influence" in the terrorist movement.

He said that militarily, the withdrawal of the Libyans have no effect on the strength of the several thousand strong force.

He said the cease-fire line, at the expense of heavy retaliation, Syria seems to be moving up the image of banner in the fight against Israel, allowing terrorists to operate in its territory. The latest Israeli raids hit army camps in far north and south of Syria, virtually knocked out the country's air defenses.

He said the border has since been quiet for nine days, but during the previous two months, Syria lost 14 fighters and at least 21 soldiers, without making any gains.

He said it is more important than the aerial damage inflicted by Israel, the lesson that the IDF can strike at any point in Syria, from Tadmor and Latakia in the north to the south without encountering any serious opposition.

He also demonstrated Syria's isolation in the Arab world — for not only Arab states, but even Soviet Union while Syria was under attack.

He said he was not convinced that nine-day lull means Damascus abandoned its declared policy of retaliating for Israeli retaliation, but it is generally felt here that Syria will now localize terrorist activity to avoid Israeli reprisals.

SAIGON. — A team of South Vietnamese military officials will leave for Paris this week to help U.S. officials complete protocols for a peace agreement, senior military sources said yesterday.

The five-man South Vietnamese military delegation, will stay in the French capital until the negotiations between Washington and Hanoi are completed and an agreement is signed, the sources said.

On the possibility of a peace settlement, South Vietnamese sources said yesterday that a bilateral ceasefire will be declared by the U.S. and South Vietnam on the eve of President Nixon's inauguration on Saturday to pave the way toward signing of a peace agreement to end the war.

President Nixon was said to have advised South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu that an international agreement has been reached to preclude further hostilities between North Vietnam, telling Mr. Thieu "trust in me."

In Key Biscayne, Florida. White House spokesman Ron Ziegler was adamant in declining to comment on this report from South Vietnamese sources. He said: "We have an agreement with the other side not to discuss the substance of the negotiations and we're sticking to that agreement."

This was his response last night to virtually all questions on the subject of the search for a Vietnam accord.

Mr. Ziegler also told newsmen that President Nixon will make no statement to the nation or Congress this week on the subject of the Vietnam negotiations. However, he left open the possibility Mr. Nixon would have something to say about Vietnam in his inaugural address to be televised on Saturday.

On the Paris peace talks, the Florida White House announced that Dr. Henry Kissinger will not return to Paris before next week — and perhaps not then. (Reuters, AP)

Young Socialists protest 'Brandt trip to Israel'

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — The Berlin section of the youth wing of Chancellor Willy Brandt's Social Democratic Party (SPD) has objected to Mr. Brandt's planned trip to Israel.

West German newspapers reported yesterday that a spokesman for the Berlin "Young Socialists" (Jugend) claimed on Monday a visit by the Chancellor to Israel would harm Bonn's relations with Egypt and other Arab states.

The objection came after the return of a 15-man Jewish delegation from a trip to Egypt from December 25 to January 8. The Berlin Jugend section said that everywhere their delegation went in Egypt, it encountered two understandings: first, Mr. Brandt's planned trip to Israel. They said Arab League officials complained this would be the first official visit by a German government head to Israel since the 1967 war.

The Berlin spokesman also called for a repeal of the Bonn Government ban on the General Union of Palestinian Students and the General Union of Palestinian Workers in West Germany, put into action after the Olympic massacre of Israeli sportsmen in Munich.

In the past Mr. Brandt has kept up the dialogue with the Jugend, without giving in to their more extreme demands.

Thais to decorate Egyptians who helped to free Israelis

BANGKOK (Reuters). — The Thai Government yesterday decided to decorate two Egyptian diplomats who helped to secure the release of six Israeli hostages held by four Black September terrorists when the Israeli Embassy here was seized last month.

A government spokesman who announced the decision said the diplomats were Ambassador Mustafa Fanny al-Bassary, who helped to negotiate with the terrorists, and Egyptian Embassy First Secretary Ibrahim Ali Moustafa.

CLEARER TODAY
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The weather will continue to clear today, with longer intervals between showers, the weatherman said last night. It will be partly cloudy, warm air reaching here from Italy will hold off further heavy rainfall for at least two days.

A total of 21 mm. of rain fell in Jerusalem in the 24 hours ending 8 p.m. yesterday. In the same period 24 mm. of rain fell in Gaza, 15 mm. on the Golan Heights, 13 mm. in Beerseba and three mm. in Tel Aviv.

Arab world pleased by Vatican stand

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Arab capitals yesterday hailed a Vatican statement that Monday's talks between Prime Minister Golda Meir and Pope Paul had not changed the attitude of the Vatican toward the Israel-Arab conflict. The Arab world's news media labelled the visit a "failure."

Most outspoken in her evident joy was Egypt, whose official radio network claimed that Mrs. Meir's visit had resulted in a "humiliating defeat" for Israeli diplomacy. The remarks were broadcast as Cairo emphasized that it would begin a Middle East diplomatic offensive in Europe.

Cairo's newspapers treated Mrs. Meir's conference with the Pope under front-page banner headlines featuring excerpts from a statement by the Vatican spokesman, Prof. Federico Alessandrini.

The daily "Al-Gomhuriya" carried a large headline in red reading: "The Vatican communique a slap in the face of Israel." Another daily "Al-Akhar," featured a banner headline saying that there was "no change in the Vatican's position." The semi-official "Al-Ahram" newspaper said: "The Pope's spokesman stressed that Meir's visit did not change the Vatican attitude."

In an editorial, "Al-Ahram" hailed Pope Paul as "a man of principle who refused to submit to Israel's pressure," which the paper said Mrs. Meir was exerting through Israel's "occupation of Jerusalem."

The paper also said that Mrs. Meir's chief aim in her talk with the Pope was to lay the groundwork for diplomatic relations between Israel and the Vatican. "Al-Ahram" said that it could be assumed that the visit "was a failure."

Voicing the same opinion, the Egyptian Middle East News Agency said that in Rome Mrs. Meir "attempted to achieve what she had failed at in Paris, where she was shunned not only by the government but also was the target of the hostile demonstrations."

Jewish conference ends in London

LONDON (AP). — A four-day conference of European Jewry ended here yesterday after calling on East Germany to compensate Jewish victims of Nazism.

The conference, organized by the World Jewish Congress, demanded that East Germany join West Germany in "bearing its proportion of Germany's total liability for the material losses sustained by individual Jewish victims of Nazi persecution."

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Pope Paul VI shakes hands with Prime Minister Golda Meir during their meeting on Monday. This picture was released by the Vatican (AP radiophoto).

Meeting with Pope seen as notable success

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Official sources in Jerusalem last night described Premier Golda Meir's meeting with the Pope as a notable success. The very fact that the two were meeting, the sources added, had caused Arab anxiety which, in turn, led to the string of pro-Arab statements put out by the Vatican on Monday.

The sources' reading of the meeting was prompted in the main by two statements of "cardinal importance" made by the Pope to the Premier. He termed their meeting "a historic occasion" and he thanked the Israel government for its protection of religious rights at the Holy Places.

Israel regards the first official communique issued by the Vatican immediately after the meeting as its authoritative word on the subject — and attaches less significance to subsequent statements by spokesmen Frederico Alessandrini, the sources said. The original communique recorded that the Pope had spoken of the Middle East situation, of the Holy Land, of the sufferings of the Jewish People, of the Holy See's viewpoint on humanitarian problems such as that of the refugees and the various communities of the Holy Land, and of the sacred and universal character of Jerusalem.

Mrs. Meir, the communique said, had spoken of Israel's desire for peace and its views on the possibilities of attaining peace. She had also referred to "the phenomenon of terrorism" and to the situation of certain Jewish communities. The Pope had expressed his desire to help bring about peace in the region.

Text of Vatican communique

Following is a translation of the text of the Vatican's communique as it appeared in the "Osservatore Romano" according to the Israel Government Press Office:

This morning (Jan. 15) at 12.15 His Holiness Pope Paul VI received Her Excellency Mrs. Golda Meir, Prime Minister of Israel, accompanied by the Israeli Ambassador to Italy, Mr. Amiel Najjar.

The subjects of the discussion, which lasted for about an hour, were the situation in the Middle East and the special problems of the Holy Land.

His Holiness, after reviewing the history and the suffering of the Jewish people, presented the view of the Holy See on problems relating to a great extent on its humanitarian mission, such as the problem of the refugees and the situation of the various communities living in the Holy Land, as well as on the

Ivory Coast President today

By JACK MAURICE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

GENEVA. — Premier Golda Meir arrived here Tuesday from Rome on a surprise visit to Ivory Coast President Houphouet-Boigny, after her historic audience with Pope Paul VI at the Vatican on Monday.

The Israeli Premier is expected to meet the veteran African statesman today at his villa in Cologny, an elegant suburb of Geneva on the southern shore of Lake Geneva.

Mrs. Meir's unexpected arrival is obviously linked with Israel's weakened position in Africa following the recent severance of diplomatic relations with five countries: Uganda, Chad, Congo-Brazzaville, Niger, and Mali. Another former French colony, Guinea, broke with Israel after the Six Day War.

Mrs. Meir is staying at a closely guarded luxury hotel near Geneva. The same strict security precautions which had surrounded her movements in Paris and Rome over the past five days were enforced when she flew into Cologny airport here on a special unscheduled El Al flight.

Mrs. Meir looked tired after her busy programme at the Socialist International in Paris and her meetings with Pope Paul and Italian President Giovanni Leone and Premier Giulio Andreotti in Rome.

A physician examined her before she left Rome, after she had complained of feverish laryngitis. But he pronounced her fit to complete her European itinerary which, like Alice in Wonderland, grows and grows almost by the hour.

A Swiss official joked Tuesday night: "We don't know where the Israeli Premier is going from Geneva. Perhaps she has an appointment with Mr. Leonid Brezhnev in the Ukraine."

At the airport Mrs. Meir was greeted by Aryeh Levavi, Israeli Ambassador to Switzerland, and Shabtai Rosenne, Ambassador to the U.N. European headquarters here. Mr. Robert Vieux, Chief of Protocol for the Swiss Canton of Geneva, was also on hand to meet her.

President Houphouet-Boigny's entourage have stubbornly refused to (Continued page 3, col. 6)



President Houphouet-Boigny

ISRAEL'S FRIEND

The Post diplomatic correspondent writes:

Felix Houphouet-Boigny, 68, President of the Ivory Coast since 1960, in one of the most successful and solidly ensconced of the African leaders. His country is flourishing economically, his rule is popular and disidence is virtually non-existent.

He is one of Africa's respected elder statesmen, although his popularity among the more radical states has somewhat waned recently because of his support for the idea of attempting a "dialogue" with South Africa. Some African leaders also consider him too pro-Western.

President Houphouet-Boigny advised Israel some two weeks ago — in the midst of the spate of breaches in diplomatic relations between Jerusalem and African capitals — to "dig in" and wait for the storm to pass. He deplored the general situation in Africa, but hoped that in the long run things would improve — for Africa and for Israel in Africa.

Above all, he counselled, Israel should not fold up the flag and pull out. Jerusalem was encouraged at the time by the President's advice.

Many Israeli firms, including the Mayer Brothers, Sole Boneh, and the Federmans have invested heavily in the Ivory Coast, and Israeli experts have built up Nahal-type units of soldier-farmers and Gidna-type units of young recruits.

Mrs. Meir built up a warm personal relationship with the President during her years at the Foreign Ministry. Mr. Houphouet-Boigny visited Israel in 1962.

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Jerusalem	100	2-4	2-5
Golan	88	3-2	3-3
Nahariya	66	6-14	6-15
Safed	80	1-4	1-5
Haifa	66	9-13	8-15
Tiberias	—	7	7-17
Nasareth	68	4-9	5-11
Afula	62	7-13	7-14
Beisan	—	—	7-17
Shomron	78	2-8	2-9
Tel Aviv	56	6-15	6-16
Lod	81	6-15	6-16
Jericho	67	7-17	7-17
Gaza	89	8-14	7-16
Beerseba	70	6-10	6-14
Eilat	38	7-17	7-18
Tiran	62	8-17	8-18

Social and Personal

Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz of Tel Aviv was yesterday the guest of Beersheba Labour Council Secretary Uri Sabagh. Joining them for luncheon were Mayor Eliahu Navi of Beersheba and Mr. Meir Batz, district engineer for the Jewish Agency.

A three-man Danish cultural mission headed by Mr. Asger Rosenstand Hansen of the Danish Foreign Ministry visited the Hebrew University yesterday and met with University vice-president Alexander Keynan.

Mr. Yacov Avni of the Agriculture Ministry will speak (in English) on "West Bank Agricultural Development and Exports" at today's meeting of the Haifa Rotary Club, at the Windsor Hotel, at 1 p.m.

Mr. Gideon Hauser, M.K., will lecture on "The Struggle of World Jewry for Soviet Jews" at the Vocal Newspaper, Beit Ha'am, Friday, 8.30 p.m. Mr. Uzi Eitam of the Jewish Agency will lecture on "Jewish Youth in the Diaspora," and Mr. Baruch Duvdevani, chairman of the Education Centre, will speak on "The Future of Religious Zionism."

BIRTH
BERNIKER. — To Baruch and Sheila, a daughter, on January 15, 1973, at Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem. Sister to Barbara, Linda, Audrey and Avi.

IN MEMORIAM
A memorial meeting to mark the seventh anniversary of the death of Yitzhak Shohet will be held on Thursday, January 18, 1973, at 1 p.m., at the graveside, on Har Herzl, Jerusalem.

A memorial service was held Sunday night for the late Dr. Avigdor Koren, former medical director of Kupat Holim Maccabi, on the 30th day after his death.

Fashionable Furs — of course at Rosen's Fur Salon, 72 Allenby Rd., Tel Aviv, Tel. 615990. Open all day. 1973 styles.

Druse Sheikh Diab Halaby dead at 85

Jerusalem Post Reporter
DALIAT AL-CARMEL. — Sheikh Diab Halaby, head of the large Halaby clan and a dignitary of the Druse community, died here yesterday at the age of 85.
One of his many sons, Nur ed-Din Halaby, is a member of the Druse religious court.
The funeral will take place at noon today. By last night hundreds of Halabys and other mourners came to the village to pay their respects.

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Zim ship hits sandbank near Antwerp

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — A Zim bulk carrier, m.s. Massada, ran aground near Antwerp yesterday. There were no injuries and the ship was not damaged, according to a radio-telephone message from the captain, Dani Piah, to Zim here.

Pedestrian killed in Dimona

A woman pedestrian was killed yesterday in Dimona. She was Rina Visha, 52, who was run over by a bus while crossing the road near the local Pina petrol station. The driver, also a Dimona resident, was held for questioning.

In the Tel Aviv area, police were still looking for a truck driver who caused a traffic accident resulting in the death of two soldiers in Afula on Monday. The truck hit an army jeep, igniting its fuel tank. The investigation raised the possibility that the driver of the truck did not realize he had hit the jeep.

Two other soldiers were badly hurt in the fire.

T.A.-Belgrade basketball on TV tonight

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The return basketball match between Tel Aviv Maccabi and Red Star of Belgrade in the quarter-final group of the European Cup will be televised live via satellite from Belgrade at 7 p.m. tonight.

In the first match at the Yad Elihu stadium last week, Tel Aviv Maccabi won 113-102. The 11-point advantage for Tel Aviv Maccabi promises to make this an extremely tough match for the Tel Aviv team.

Coach Yehoshua Rosin said prior to Maccabi's departure yesterday that he would aim to tighten the Maccabi defence in the Belgrade game. Rosin is expected to start the game with Tel Aviv. Ron Dunlop, Steve Chabbin, Eric Mendin and Gaby Najmark.

The return match between Tel Aviv Maccabi and Red Star of Belgrade will take place at Kibbutz Sifayim at 5 p.m. today. The Yugoslav girls won the first leg 95-76 in Belgrade last week.

Four held for mystery shooting in Ramat Gan

TEL AVIV. — Four men were remanded Monday on suspicion of trying to kill 50-year-old Avraham Zion on Saturday afternoon. Zion, admitted in court they had no idea what the motive could have been.

Mr. Zion was accused by four young men on his way to synagogue near his home in Ramat Gan early Saturday morning. One of them, whom he later identified as his nephew, Dan Levi, allegedly shot him with a pistol, wounding him in the face and hand.

Mr. Zion said he thought the second man was Dan's brother Gideon. He said he couldn't identify the other two men.

Police later found the Levi brothers at the apartment of two friends, Yoram Landsberger and Shlomo Yashitz. All four were taken before Magistrates' Court Judge Amos Zamir, who remanded the brothers for 15 days and their two friends for five days.

12 months' jail for bad cheques
TEL AVIV. — A local man was sentenced to 12 months in jail for passing a bad cheque, and drew an additional nine months' imprisonment on a suspended sentence for a similar previous offence.

Yehuda Rachmanov, 42, of Shechunat Harekvet, was found guilty of passing a bad cheque for IL100.



AFTER THE STORM — Cautiously moving up the fog-bound Castel hill on the way to Jerusalem early yesterday morning, motorists switch their headlights on to see where they're going. The disabled car on the left was abandoned by its driver during the massive traffic tie-up after the snow started falling late Monday night.

Snow thaws, but Capital plagued by power failures, floods

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Jerusalem's snow dwindled into slush yesterday, leaving behind a city plagued with the storm's aftermath, heavy clouds, and some flooding.

Some residents were still without electricity or central heating yesterday evening, more than 40 hours after the lines in their area were downed by trees felled by the weight of the snow.

With the streets opened to traffic, commercial life in the city returned almost to normal. Bus routes had been cleared Monday night by special teams of snowcrapers, which also opened the way for tanker trucks to get through to the oil terminal in western Jerusalem early yesterday. Seven tankers distributed fuel throughout the day to hospitals, schools and other institutions, but apartment house residents with empty tanks were told they would have to wait until today.

Schools in the city reopened and 80 per cent of the pupils reported. Several schools, however, were shut down after a few hours because of renewed power failures.

The Jerusalem manager of the Israel Electric Corporation, Paul Schaeffer, said last night that his crews were working 14-to-16-hour shifts in the cold and rain in an effort to cope with the damage. If not for the fact that 30,000 trees in the city had been trimmed near electricity lines during the year, he said, the present situation would have been disastrous. He conceded, however, that not enough had been trimmed — residents who enjoyed summer shade from luxuriant neighbourhood trees were paying for it now with winter blackouts.

Among the quarters affected were Tapliot, Bak'a and Katamon. New neighbourhoods, like Ramat Eshkol, with underground electricity lines, did not have power failures.

In the Jerusalem Corridor, the new moshav at Neve Ilan was still without electricity as of last night, and residents were attempting to heat their turkey run with kerosene heaters in a desperate effort to keep the chicks alive.

As the snow began to thaw, the Municipality's emergency headquarters turned its attention from snow removal to flooding. During the day, water was pumped out of 20 flats in low-lying areas. At one house, firemen arrived to pump out a flooded flat and found a more serious kind of emergency in a neighbouring one.

The Nahlat Shiva families, each with a pregnant woman, were moved into a hotel. The Arab families preferred moving in with their neighbours. The city had arranged for 250 hotel beds in East and West Jerusalem in case they are needed for evacuees.

The Municipal Social Welfare Department distributed 25 kerosene heaters and several dozen blankets to families in need, particularly in the Asbestosim Quarter near Kiryat Yovel.

Although bread was generally available in ample supply, milk shortages were still reported by many neighbourhoods. Groceries, Arabs were seen selling pita in Jewish neighbourhoods.

There were widespread disruptions in the telephone service and it was almost impossible to place out-of-town calls. Mail delivery was resumed yesterday morning, but because of the storm's effect on the telephone, the Ministry of Communications said it would not be able to guarantee delivery of mail until today.

On the other hand, the Ministry of Agriculture said it would not be able to guarantee delivery of fruit until today.

Heavy rain continued to fall in the Tel Aviv area, but there were intermittent sunbursts and even a few moments of sunshine.

Trees felled by Monday's heavy winds were removed from roads and sidewalks and downed electricity wires removed before they could cause injury. Contrary to expectations, the Fire Brigade reported it received no calls to pump out flooded cellars, usually a common winter occurrence.

Many Moslem workers in the Municipality, however, showed up for work yesterday despite the holiday in order to help cope with the emergency. Some came by foot from remote sections of the city. The workers cleared fallen trees from the streets and removed snow from downtown sidewalks with a new snow-shovel device invented by a Municipal employee.

At emergency headquarters last night, 149 men stood by to cope with a possible renewal of the snowfall. They included engineers and heavy equipment operators. Also standing by were 20 army half-tracks which were to be used to break up ice that formed on streets during the night. Thirty-five tons of sand and salt were available for spreading.

During the day, residents, trains again brought up thousands of snow-seekers from the coastal plain. Many others came by bus. "You can tell the difference between Tel Avivians and Jerusalemites," one local resident said yesterday. "The people from Tel Aviv are playing with the snow. The Jerusalemites are sick of it."

EAST JERUSALEM
Our Arab Affairs Reporter adds: In East Jerusalem, life began to return to normal by about noon yesterday, when some of the old-fashioned buses returned to the wet roads linking the Old City with the surrounding quarters.

But several Arab residents were bitter about the failure of the authorities to provide East Jerusalem with the same services that were made available in West Jerusalem. "There was still no electricity in our area," said one Arab resident. "We had no bread in East Jerusalem — although bread was distributed throughout most of West Jerusalem."

Snow on Hermon, Meron Hills Water-table still short despite steady rain

Jerusalem Post Staff
Snow continued to fall on Mt. Hermon and Mt. Meron yesterday, and steady rain fell in other parts of the country. But the downpour is expected to slacken today, with longer dry spells between showers.

The skies are expected to clear further tomorrow, where except in the highest areas. In most of Galilee returned to normal, traffic and food supplies were resumed, and children went back to school.

Electricity Corporation crews dealt with the minor power cuts caused by the snow, but emergency work teams remained on standby in case of more snow.

In the ports, work was almost back to normal. In Ashdod, the only break was a one-hour afternoon stoppage due to rain. Showers also caused slight disruptions in Haifa. However, not all the Druse workers employed in the port had returned from the Id el-Adha holiday, and the number of work gangs fell 10 short of the regular force of 80.

The number of freighters in the port and Haifa Bay rose to 50 yesterday, and it will take several weeks to ease the congestion. But this depends on whether the port management and the workers can avoid a new dispute over the recent 10.2 per cent wage, it is learned.

The workers say the hike was not dependent on their agreeing to reorganization, manpower economics and terms revised as contained by the Ports Authority.

Acre fishermen to be tried for off-limits fishing

ACRE. — Seven fishermen will be prosecuted for casting their nets in waters north of Nahariya, where the Navy has closed because of their proximity to Lebanon.

The fishermen last week protested the closure, saying the area was rich with fish. The Navy says terrorist boats have been caught on the sea north of Nahariya; and, in one instance, infiltrators even landed on the shore of Achziv.

Police said they will prosecute the seven under the law banning entry into a restricted area. (Him)

'Raise minimum wage to IL500'
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Trade Union Department of the Histadrut will take up a suggestion next week that the minimum monthly wage be raised from IL425 to IL500.

The proposal was made yesterday by the head of the T.U.D. in the national labour federation, Uriel Abrahamowitz.

Georgians strike at Lod Airport over housing

LOD AIRPORT. — Sixty Russian immigrants were on a sit-down strike at Lod Airport yesterday, refusing to accept housing in remote parts of the country. Most of the strikers were Georgians who arrived with a group of more than 100 newcomers Monday night.

The other immigrants accepted housing in Acre, Dimona, Sderot and other development towns, but the Georgians insisted on flats in the centre of the country, near their relatives.

WEST BANK
An unconfirmed report from Hebron yesterday had it that Kiryat Arba rejected an offer by Hebron Mayor Mohammed Ali Ja'abari to provide bread and food to the settlement, whose residents are predominantly orthodox.

Traffic between the West Bank and Jordan is expected to be restored today across the Allenby and Danyan Bridges, both of which have been closed from the Jordanian side since Monday. The Jordanians last night said over Amman Radio that their officials would be on duty at the bridges this morning. The radio indicated that their absence was due to the snow. All roads linking the bridges with Amman were reopened yesterday, the broadcast said, except for a stretch on the Nator road which was blocked by landslides said to have been caused by the snow.

Jordan said the snow had affected the districts of Amman, Irbid, Balqa, Karak, and Ma'an, but stressed that all main roads in these areas were reopened yesterday and that normal traffic throughout the country was to have been restored by last night.

In Syria, the authorities said they were "overcoming" the snow on the main roads linking the various parts of that country with Damascus. But the northern district of Aleppo was still cut off last night.

The British peer and supermarket president was speaking at a luncheon of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce for guests at the current Food Week. Lord Sainsbury is chairman of the British Food Committee set up at the Jerusalem Economic Conference.

"British negotiators now in the EEC are in a strong position. They are well aware of the views of the British trade and, bearing these in mind, have no desire to see disruption of Israeli trade with Britain, especially where citrus and fruit juices are concerned," he said.

Although the final effect of Britain's entry into the EEC cannot be predicted, Israeli exporters will hold their own in the long run if they maintain quality, value and production efficiency, he said.

LETTER-BOMB. — A letter-bomb exploded in the central post office in Siena, Italy on Monday, but no one was hurt. It was not immediately known to whom the letter was addressed.

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Shikun Ovdim flat sales discussed in Knesset

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
The controversial sale of Haifa flats by Shikun Ovdim (the Histadrut housing firm) to purchasers who did not merit them was criticized implicitly by Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati in the Knesset yesterday.

(Mr. Gvati's Ministry is responsible for the Lands Administration, which approved the use of the plots involved, in Rehov Baria.)
Mr. Gvati told Shmuel Tamir

Holon to have 400 rental flats for immigrants

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HOLON. Mayor Pinhas Eylon said yesterday that he expects to make 400 flats here available for rental by new immigrants, through the Ministry of Absorption. His move came in answer to an appeal by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir to owners of vacant apartments to rent to immigrants. They were promised tax exemption on the rental income.

A special team set up by the Mayor has found 300 suitable dwellings, and leases have been signed for dozens of them. He expects 200 contracts with owners to be completed within a month, and he predicts the final number will reach 400.

The Eylon Building Contractors Association has also offered to consider setting aside some new flats for rental to immigrants.

Holon has absorbed a large immigrant population in the last few years, the town's popularity stemming mainly from its proximity to Tel Aviv.

Food exports to U.K. safe if quality high

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — "There is no reason to fear that Britain's entry into the Common Market will affect Israel's food exports to Great Britain," this was the view expressed yesterday by Lord Sainsbury.

The British peer and supermarket president was speaking at a luncheon of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce for guests at the current Food Week. Lord Sainsbury is chairman of the British Food Committee set up at the Jerusalem Economic Conference.

"British negotiators now in the EEC are in a strong position. They are well aware of the views of the British trade and, bearing these in mind, have no desire to see disruption of Israeli trade with Britain, especially where citrus and fruit juices are concerned," he said.

Although the final effect of Britain's entry into the EEC cannot be predicted, Israeli exporters will hold their own in the long run if they maintain quality, value and production efficiency, he said.

LETTER-BOMB. — A letter-bomb exploded in the central post office in Siena, Italy on Monday, but no one was hurt. It was not immediately known to whom the letter was addressed.

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Egg shortage 'will end next month'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
The egg shortage will be over in February.

This promise came from Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati in the Knesset yesterday, when he replied at question time to Mr. Shoshana Arbeli (Alignment, Labour).

Speaking earlier, in the Economic Committee, Mr. Gvati described the frost damage as "a natural disaster" and promised that citrus growers would get compensation as fast as possible.

The Minister promised the same aid to cultivators of vegetables, fruit and flowers, and said the Treasury was in full agreement with the Agriculture Ministry over the amount of compensation to be paid.

The Committee heard from Agriculture Ministry officials that 120,000 tons of citrus would have to be destroyed, and that the area damaged was some 30,000 dunams.

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Chief Rabbinate Council won't meet today

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The meeting of the Chief Rabbinate Council called for today has been postponed till next Wednesday. An official announced blamed inclement weather for the postponement.

Observers in Jerusalem believe, however, that the continuing strained relations between Chief Rabbi Shimon Goren and Ovadia Yosef are the real reason behind the postponement. The Council had been due to convene last Wednesday; it put off that meeting till today at Rabbi Yosef's request — which he explained by citing the tension prevailing between himself and Rabbi Goren.

The Council has not met since Rabbi Yosef's public attack on Rabbi Goren two weeks ago for using "dictatorial methods" at the Chief Rabbinate.

SHAZAR INTERVENING

President Zalman Shazar this week received the two Chief Rabbis separately for "detailed talks," the President's office announced. He received Rabbi Goren on Sunday and Rabbi Yosef yesterday. No details were given.

Observers believed the President was trying to bring about a rapprochement between the Chief Rabbis. When he was in the U.S. last week, President Shazar sought to agree Chief Rabbi Goren's case before the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Menachem Mendel Schneerson. But Rabbi Schneerson, head of the Habad Hassidim, has since spoken publicly against Rabbi Goren, alleging that his Langer mamzerim ruling was induced by bribery.

March of Prutot February 5 — for polio victims

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Han's March of Prutot, the annual fund-raising campaign of the Israel Society for Handicapped Children, will be held on February 5 under the auspices of Prime Minister Golda Meir.

With this year's drive Han will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of its establishment. The goal set by campaign organizers this year is IL2,000,000, a good deal of which would go towards the rehabilitation of victims of the polio epidemics of the 1950s.

The campaign staff will be headed by former Chief of Staff Eliahu Laskov.

Some 25,000 youngsters, most of them high school pupils and members of youth movements, will go from door to door to collect donations.

THE COMMERCE MINISTRY

Yesterday announced the appointment of Yitzhak Lazarovich as an Assistant Director-General. He takes over from David Zuhavi, who was in charge of administration and has now been placed in charge of a special Ministry branch handling internal trade, light industry, minerals, and investments by new immigrants.

Police hit for letting corrupt official turn State's witness

TEL AVIV. — A District Court judge yesterday voiced displeasure that a Tel Aviv Municipality official accused of taking bribes was allowed to turn State's witness, while the citizens charged with paying the bribes were put on trial.

The judge, Mrs. Hadassah Ben-Itto, made the statement during the trial of a number of businessmen accused of paying sanitation inspector Mordechai Hamermash to approve the sanitary arrangements on their premises.

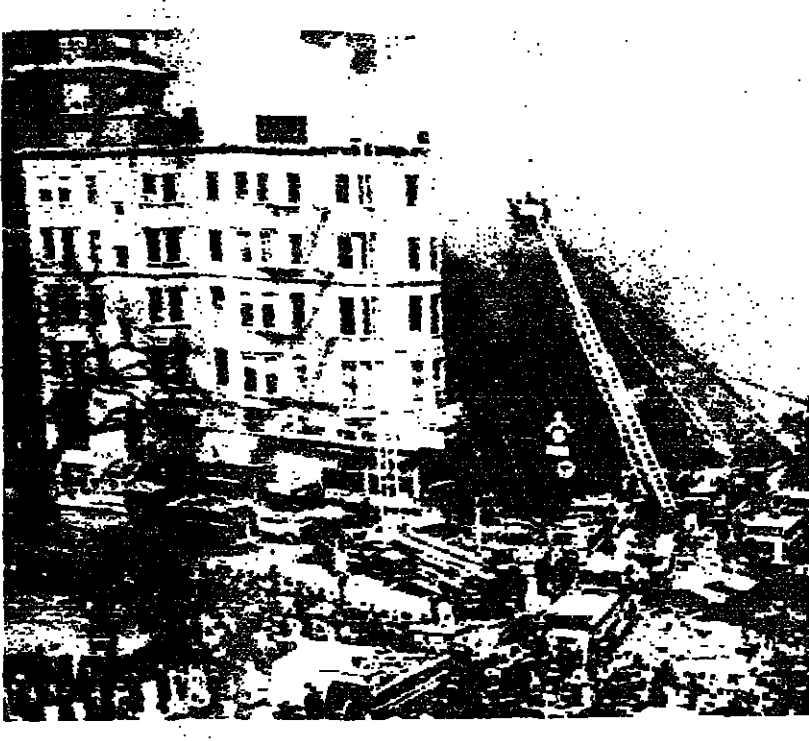
All but one of the accused was acquitted.

Mrs. Ben-Itto noted that Hamermash turned State's witness when the police agreed to close several files against him. He was tried on only one count and received a light sentence.

"A public servant who put obstacles in the way of businessmen and made criminals of many people against their will has turned State's witness, while those citizens who could not obtain their rights honestly have been put in the defendants' dock," said Mrs. Ben-Itto.

The only man convicted by Judge Ben-Itto of bribing the official was Dan Krieger, 54, of Ramat Gan; and he was fined a nominal IL100 and sentenced to a seven-day suspended jail term.

Asked whether Hamermash had been fired as a result of the court case, Municipality sources said no employee who admits to having taken bribes is kept on the payroll. Although the sources would not comment on this specific case, they said there were no exceptions to City policy in this context and there was "no chance" the man still has his job. (Itim)



Fire fighters battle a general-alarm blaze Monday at the downtown Boston building which housed the Israeli and Irish Consulates, as well as several businesses. (AP radiophoto)

Israeli diplomats threatened in Boston

BOSTON (AP). — Police have been maintaining a 24-hour-a-day guard on the families of Israel's Consul-General and another Consul official here because of threats on their lives. The Consul, Shimon Lital, and the other unidentified man, live in Brookline.

Police disclosed this on Monday, the same day the building which houses the Israeli and Irish Consulates was destroyed by a fire.

The sources said the last threat was received by Mr. Lital last week from a caller who identified himself as a member of the Black September terrorist group. Another threat was received (presumably by the other official) two weeks ago.

Police said the guard includes the Mossad's Chief in Chestnut Hill, where eight children of the two officials attend classes.

Authorities here have not connected the threats on the Israelis with Monday's fire. But the Massachusetts Fire Marshall's office has been asked to determine whether arson caused the fire.

Boston Fire Chief George Paul said on Monday he believes an arsonist set the fire which destroyed the building, causing \$400,000 worth of damage.

Gideon Rafael to be next Israeli envoy in London

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Gideon Rafael, a senior adviser at the Foreign Ministry, is to be appointed Israeli Ambassador to Britain towards the end of this year, reliable sources informed The Jerusalem Post yesterday. Mr. Rafael served as Director-General of the Foreign Ministry until a year ago, when Mordechai Gazit took over.

The current Israeli Ambassador in London is Michael Comay.

Another major overseas appointment due to fall to a senior Ministry man this year is the post of minister at Israel's Washington embassy. (The minister is second-in-command, after the ambassador.) No final choice has been made, but the strongest contender is thought to be Mordechai Shalev, head of the African Department at the Ministry. Mr. Shalev served as second secretary at the Washington embassy during the fifties and was ambassador to Ghana before assuming his present job.

The appointment of minister in Washington will be made shortly, so that the new man can take over his duties along with the new ambassador, Simha Dinitz, in March.

The current minister in Washington, Avner Idan, will probably get an ambassadorship elsewhere. He was due to be appointed ambassador to Addis Ababa when Israel's ambassador to the U.S., Yitzhak Rabin, asked him to join him in Washington.

In an internal reshuffle carried out at the Ministry last week,

Ephraim Evron, Assistant Director-General in charge of the North American Department, took over Central America and South America too. (Until now these were lumped together as the Latin American Department, under Assistant Director-General Ya'acov Shimon, who is also in charge of Africa and Asia.)

Mr. Evron will now control three separate departments: North America, with Michael Eklus as department head; Central America (comprising the Caribbean and the main land states north of Panama), with Dov Satai as department head; and South America, with Dr. Joel Barromi as department head.

Time locks in banks may foil robbers

TEL AVIV. — Banks have begun affixing time locks to their vaults in an effort to stall robbers and give police time to reach the scene before the getaway, it was announced yesterday.

The locks shut the safes for a secret and variable period of time, even after the safe is unlocked by key or combination. They can keep the vaults sealed for 10 minutes or more — sufficient time for the police to arrive, police spokesman Nitzav-Mishne Mordechai Tavor told newsmen.

Thus, a robber will not know how much time he has to wait before he can grab the money and escape, N.M. Tavor said. (Itim)

Helped oleh, and now he faces jail

TEL AVIV. — A Tel Aviv headmaster said yesterday he has been threatened with arrest within 24 hours unless he pays a IL20,000 guarantee he signed for an Iraqi immigrant who bought a house 15 years ago. He said he could not pay the money.

Yisrael Eliahu, a primary school principal in Jaffa and once a leading organizer of immigration from Iraq, said he had been ordered to make good his guarantee following the failure of the house-buyer to meet the payments on his mortgage — for which Mr. Eliahu was a guarantor.

Mr. Eliahu told "Itim" he had been active in bringing Iraqi Jews to Israel, and later in assisting them to move from ma'abarot to permanent housing. He said he had signed guarantees for many apartments bought by newcomers from Iraq.

One of these was Nadav Eyal, a Rishon LeZion resident, for whom he signed a guarantee for IL6,000, he said. Now the Mortgage and Development Bank which paid out the loan is demanding that Mr. Eliahu pay up IL20,000 — the original sum plus interest.

Mr. Eliahu said police came to arrest him on Sunday, but agreed to delay detention while he tried to clarify the matter. He was told at the Tel Aviv Courthouse yesterday that unless he pays within 24 hours he would be arrested.

Married and a father of five, Mr. Eliahu said he has no way to pay the money. "I have no choice but to go to jail," he said. (Itim)

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Nesher 'promised' Haifa quarry

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER and YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporters
TEL AVIV. — The Interior Ministry yesterday told the Nesher Cement Company it would be given a quarry in the Mt. Carmel National Park if the company withdrew its objections to establishing a park there.

This was disclosed here on Monday by Nesher's general manager, Yehoshua Raz. He was speaking in an open debate on the controversial quarry before an audience of Technion students. An opposing speaker, Mr. Azaria Alon, secretary of the Nature Protection Society, said Nesher's project of taking 2,300 dunams of the 34,000-dunam national park would be an ecological disaster.

Mr. Raz said Nesher had objected to the plan for a national park at the site (because it wanted a new quarry there) before the park was declared a national park. The Government had about 18 months ago.

"The Interior Ministry's Planning Department then informed us in writing," Mr. Raz said, "that if we withdrew our objections, we would be able to submit our quarry plan for the area was officially declared national park, and that our request would be willingly met."

Mr. Raz did not explain why Nesher should have a say in deciding how the land should be used. The Interior Ministry spokesman could not be reached last night for comment.

Mr. Alon charged that Nesher had made little effort to find suitable quarrying sites elsewhere because it felt it could get its way on the Mount Carmel site.

Mr. Raz said the present quarry, adjoining the proposed site, would be exhausted in four years. He said Nesher had invested IL150m. in its 49-year-old Haifa plant — on the Haifa-Nessetz road — below the north-eastern slope of the Carmel — "and we need a new quarry that will ensure sources of limestone for at least 40 years."

The audience, obviously hostile to Nesher's views, booed when he said "Mount Carmel has enough limestone to enable us to carry on quarrying for a hundred years more."

The two speakers argued at length over the suitability of an alternative site considered — and rejected — by Nesher, near Shifaram, at the eastern end of the Zebulun Valley.

Mr. Raz said the quality of the limestone there was inferior, would require changes in equipment and production processes, and raise the price of cement.

Mr. Alon countered by saying the added cost of the cement would have only a negligible effect on the price of flats. "I say that the price of flats has risen more in the time we have spent in this debate," he said.

Referring to the Mount Carmel site, Mr. Raz said it had little natural beauty, consisting mainly of bare rocks. Nesher would quarry it in stages, he said, "rehabilitating" abandoned sections.

Another controversy relating to the quarry emerged yesterday when Prof. Ze'ev Naveh of the Technion charged Nesher had made improper use of a study carried out by Technion experts.

In advertisements, the company published photographs of a model prepared by Technion ecologists and architects, showing an abandoned quarry skillfully remodelled and landscaped with new buildings and shrubbery covering the scars caused by the excavations.

Prof. Naveh said the study he and his colleagues had prepared for Nesher was being exploited by the company to support its argument in favour of the Mount Carmel site. "That is not what we had in mind when we prepared the plan. No such support was or is intended," he declared.

PUBLIC CAMPAIGN

The public campaign waged by the Nature Protection Society will be intensified Saturday noon with a mass rally near the proposed quarrying site. The demonstrators will meet on the road connecting Haifa University with Kibbutz Beit Oren, at a spot just south of the TV antenna and the University campus.

The society has invited the public for a guided tour of the Carmel before the rally — from 9 a.m. to noon — to see the beauty spots it says are threatened by the proposed quarry.

In Veterans' Association in Haifa has written to the Prime Minister and other Government leaders, claiming that the quarry would encroach on Givat Hagana, where a memorial for the Hagana dead now stands.

A thousand Technion students and teachers have signed a petition backing Mayor Moshe Fleiman's stand opposing the plan, and denouncing local Labour Council Secretary Eliezer Molk's support of it.

The final decision on the Nesher application is expected to be taken next month by a ministerial committee.

German firm expanding investments in Israel

Jerusalem Post Economic Editor
TEL AVIV. — The German state-owned Development Corporation (D.E.G.) will expand its investments in Israel by promoting "middle-size" industrial and tourist projects. It has already invested in Triumph (underwear), Movee (beach apparel) and Behnam (exhibition stands), and is about to finalize an agreement with the Israel Steel Works — which would bring its investments in this country to over DM8m. Several other projects are now being examined.

This was disclosed yesterday by Leifried Karenberg, director of D.E.G., at a luncheon of the Israel-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry at Beit Sokolow. Jecov Puttkamer, the German Ambassador, was the guest of honour.

D.E.G. promotes projects in developing countries with a view to relieving the labour shortage which is now hampering production and upping costs in Germany. It aims, therefore, mainly at industries which can export to other developing countries, but also to the Common Market and to Germany. As a rule, D.E.G. invests up to a third of the total equity capital of the project in question. Loans (in Deutschmarks) are also provided in case of need.

Preference is given to projects involving transfer of know-how which are too small for multi-national investors or development banks.

D.E.G. insists on getting a seat on the Board of Directors, but does not take part in active management.

Agricultural processing plants, textile, leather, and metal industries account for a substantial part of the investments hitherto; but it is ready to promote tourist projects as well.

Founded in 1962, the company is now active in 35 countries, with a total of 150 projects. Its share capital is DM175m. and is expected to be increased to DM250m. shortly.

Bar-Ilan would build medical school under expansion plan

Jerusalem Post Reporter
RAMAT GAN. — Bar-Ilan University says it needs IL200m. to carry out a proposed large-scale expansion plan which, if left intact, would include setting up a new school of medicine.

The money is needed to develop land recently acquired by the University directly adjacent to its present campus. The new purchases would double the size of the campus to 125 acres. Among the buildings planned are a law school as well as buildings for Jewish studies, economics, social work and possibly a school of medicine.

The University's Board of Trustees has approved the medical school project, but the plan has yet to win the approval of the Council for Higher Education. Other universities are known to oppose the establishment of another medical school, arguing that the two large schools in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and the growing schools in Haifa and Beer-sheva will be turning out all the physicians Israel needs in a few years.

University Director-General Matityahu Adler recently went abroad to raise the necessary funds for the development programme and said he found "encouraging signs" in the U.S., Canada and Europe. But Government aid will still be needed, he said.

U.S. scientists get Technion assignments

HAIFA. — Two noted mathematicians from the U.S. have taken up appointments as Louis Sussman Visiting Professors at the Technion. They are Prof. Ignace Kolodner of Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, and David E. Muller of the University of Illinois. They will stay at the Technion till the end of the current academic year.

The visiting professorships were established by Louis Sussman of Chicago and are filled annually by American scientists of distinction.

From nursery to university — in Beersheba

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA. — One of the 300 students of the Negav students' union will receive bachelor's degrees tomorrow in Litman's Zami, who claim the distinction of being the first Beersheban in history to finish his entire education — from kindergarten through university — in the Negev town.

A University spokesman said yesterday that Mr. Zami had used up opportunities to enroll at other Israeli universities in order to attend his home town school, which received university status six years ago. His degree is a B.Sc. in mechanical engineering.

Mr. Zami, a member of the academic Reserves, will also be receiving his second Lieutenant's commission next month.

His father is Yeshayahu Zami, prominent local attorney and independent member of the City Council since 1964.

Students lose all in fire at Sde Boker

Jerusalem Post Reporter
SDE BOKER. — Sixty-five immigrant students at Midrashtat Sde Boker, south of here, counted their losses yesterday after a fire gutted their living quarters on Monday afternoon.

No one was injured in the blaze, but the students — from the U.S., Britain, South Africa, and Canada — lost nearly all their possessions in the flames. (The students are enrolled in the English-language high school, which is part of the city college complex.)

The fire broke out at a time when the telephone lines were down because of Monday's snowstorm, preventing them from calling a Fire Brigade. But the students' staff members used fire extinguishers to prevent the blaze from spreading to other buildings before it burned itself out.

The director of the English school, Elvira Birnbaum, said teachers and fellow students have loaned the youngsters all the blankets and things they could spare. He applied to the U.S., British and South African immigrant associations to dig out too.

Damage to the wooden dormitory is estimated at IL500,000, but Birnbaum said it would cost IL1m. to build a new one.

Jews from lands can register claim to property to university in Beersheba

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Meir says Vatican received her cordially

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

ROME. — Prime Minister Golda Meir, suffering from a slight case of fever and bronchitis, addressed Rome's Jewish leaders at the city's main synagogue yesterday, and told them she had been received "courteously and cordially" at the Vatican on Monday.

After a doctor visited her at her state residence, the Villa Madama, and pronounced her fit, Mrs. Meir drove to the Great Synagogue where she was given a rousing welcome. About a hundred bystanders shouted, "Viva Golda! May God preserve you!" as she drove up to the synagogue on the banks of the River Tiber.

Speaking of her papal audience, Mrs. Meir said: "I hope what I said at the Vatican was worth while. I was received courteously and cordially and want to put this on record."

She went on: "I am very pleased to have had the opportunity to meet the Pope and to explain to him Israel's standpoint and what it is seeking."

Addressing the leaders of Rome's 12,000-strong Jewish community in Hebrew, Mrs. Meir reaffirmed Israel's desire for peace and stressed the importance of strong links with the Diaspora. She said: "You should all be proud you are Jews."

The Great Synagogue, which was built in 1904, was surrounded by carabinieri and Israeli and Italian plainclothes police for Mrs. Meir's visit. Her car drove through the

wrought-iron gates and up to the foot of the synagogue steps before she got out.

The right-wing Rome newspaper "Il Tempo" took the Vatican task yesterday for its efforts to down-grade the significance of Mrs. Meir's audience with the Pope, the first meeting between an Israeli Premier and a Roman Catholic Pontiff.

The Vatican's press spokesman, Prof. Federico Alessandrini, had announced that the meeting left relations between the Vatican and Israel unchanged. He also reaffirmed the privileged ties between the Papacy and Arab countries.

"Il Tempo" commented: "This statement could not have been tougher, more violent or more brutal. We do not believe there has been a curter or harsher statement than this in the recent history of Vatican diplomacy."

The newspaper pointed out there was not a single word of cordiality expressed by the Pope's spokesman. "We shrink from imagining what the private conversation with the Pontiff must have been like," "Il Tempo" added.

Mrs. Meir left for Fiumicino Airport yesterday afternoon amid the same massive security measures which have been the rule throughout her visits to France and Italy over the past five days.

Despite the statement from the Vatican spokesman, Mrs. Meir told newsmen here that she considered her audience at the Vatican of historic importance.



Prime Minister Golda Meir waving and smiling, as she left the Great Synagogue in Rome yesterday. At left is Rome's Chief Rabbi, Elie Toaff. (AP radio photo)

ISRAELI AMBASSADOR ABOARD Police circle Thai plane after tip of Arab threat

HONGKONG (Reuters). — About 100 armed police surrounded the plane of a Thai International flight on arrival here yesterday from Bangkok after receiving a tipoff that Arab terrorists might try to hijack it to kidnap Israel's Ambassador to Japan, Mr. Eytan Ron.

But the plane left for Tokyo without incident and with Mr. Ron safely aboard.

A government spokesman said the unexpected precautions were taken because it was believed the plane's security might be threatened.

Precautionary security measures have also been taken by Austrian police at Vienna Airport and at the Israeli Embassy in Vienna, informed sources in the Austrian capital said on Monday.

The measures were described as precautionary and sources said they did not result from any clear threat but were linked with rumours of Arab terrorist activity in other countries.

EL AL OFFICE

The Vienna office of El Al was among unspecified buildings which were placed under greater security. Vienna Airport is a staging point for Jewish emigrants coming from the Soviet Union to Israel.

Threats to blow up airports in the United Kingdom were being investigated by British police yesterday. The threats demand that an Arab held in custody in London be released within the next four days.

Munich tries 4 in killing of Jews in '41

MUNICH (Reuters). — Four former officials of the Nazi security police went on trial here yesterday on charges of murdering or helping to murder Jews in southern Russia in 1941.

The four, who belonged to a commando group that allegedly murdered 4,330 Jewish men, women and children, are charged in individual, not mass, killings.

The defendants are Erich Bock, 61, accused of helping to murder four persons; Hans Disser, 60, charged with murdering two; Otto Ernst Prasch, 59, charged with murdering and helping to murder seven; and Wilhelm Spickermann, 60, accused of helping to murder three.

KIPPERS. — The Burgomaster of the city of Brussels has received a gift parcel of five kilograms of kippers from the British Herring Industry Board, anxious to boost exports to Common Market countries.

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Greece won't take U.S. military grants

ATHENS. — The Greek Government announced Monday night that it will not accept U.S. direct military aid grants this year.

The move is seen as an attempt to limit the interference of the U.S. in Greek internal policy. The military regime of George Papadopoulos has come in for heavy criticism during U.S. congressional debates on aid bills.

The statement was issued after a press conference Monday morning by Finance Minister John Koulas, during which he disclosed that Greece had requested suspension of such aid, totalling \$15m.

The government statement said it would notify the "friendly and allied" nation of the U.S. of its decision. (Reuters, AP)

Asians crossing English Channel feared drowned

LONDON (AP). — A group of Asians trying to sneak into Britain from France may have drowned in the English Channel, police sources said yesterday.

The five or six Asians were last seen paddling a dinghy toward the English coast last month.

Last Friday, the body of a young Asian was washed ashore in Wales. A dinghy was found on England's southwest coast.

The sources said a party of Asians trying to evade Britain's strict immigration quotas set out from France aboard the 55-foot boat Marica. Six landed in Bristol but were picked up by police.

The sources said detectives have established that when the Marica got into difficulties, five or six of the Asians transferred to a dinghy, powered by an outboard motor, and started for the land three kilometres away.

Then the outboard apparently failed. The Asians in the Marica last saw their friends rowing for shore, the sources said.

ARAB COUNTRIES SNOWED UNDER TOO

Heavy snow brought road and railway traffic to a standstill in many parts of the Arab countries yesterday.

Highways and rail lines between Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Iraq were declared closed by what official statements described as "the worst snow storms since the turn of the century."

The Syrian government reported many parts of the country were totally isolated by snow. Army helicopters dropped food and blankets to several Syrian villages along the Turkish border.

In Lebanon, army helicopters and halftracks mounted a nine-hour operation Monday night to rescue 30 passengers marooned in a bus near the town of Zahle, 65 kms. east of Beirut where temperatures sank to 12 degrees below zero (centigrade). The Beirut-Damascus International Highway was closed.

In Jordan, army and civil defence squads worked at reopening blocked roads after snow stopped falling in what was described as the country's worst storm on record.

The storm began at midnight on Sunday and lasted until Monday night. Snow was a metre deep in some areas, blocking roads throughout the country and completely disrupting traffic at Amman Airport.

Car traffic within Amman and between the city and other towns came to a standstill and there were power and telephone line failures in some districts.

At the port of Alexandria, Egyptian rescue launches braved 20-foot waves on Monday to save the 160 passengers and crew of the Egyptian liner Syria, after it sent an SOS.

The liner had been drifting for more than 35 hours, the Middle East News Agency reported. It was unable to enter the harbour because of rough seas. (AP, Reuters)

TV STATION REPORTS Map found marked with New Orleans sniper hits

NEW ORLEANS (AP). — A map indicating the planning of four attacks, including a line drawn to the Howard Johnson's Hotel where a sniper or snipers killed six persons here last week, has been found in the apartment of Mark J. Essex, a television station here has reported.

Essex, 23, was killed by police gunners in a helicopter hovering over the roof of the hotel after the sniping orgy on January 7.

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Australian journalist Francis James sits on a stretcher at the Lo Wu border station as medics fit him with a life jacket for a helicopter to a Hongkong hospital. The copter is in background. Standing next to Mr. James is Australian Commissioner Ivor Bowden, who met him at the border crossing point. (AP radio photo)

Journalist collapses after China frees him

HONGKONG (Reuters). — Australian journalist Francis James, deported from China yesterday after spending three years in detention on spy charges, collapsed as he walked to freedom in Hongkong.

Mr. James, 54, who disappeared in China in 1969 after writing a series of articles in which he claimed he had visited the secret Chinese nuclear testing ground at Lop Nor, was flown by helicopter to a Hongkong hospital after collapsing at the Lo Wu border bridge.

Reporters and television crews were barred from the crossing point but a government spokesman here said the journalist looked weak as he was led across the bridge by Australia's Commissioner to Hongkong, Ivor Bowden.

"Mr. James walked slowly and hesitantly and collapsed on reaching the platform on the Hongkong side," the spokesman said.

James was pale and weak, had three days growth of beard and told officials he had not eaten since Saturday.

He said he had previously been on an intravenous diet. There was no immediate explanation for James' story but a usually reliable source here said it was likely that he had had a hunger strike.

James was taken by ambulance from the Lo Wu railway station on the border to a nearby helicopter pad and flown to the British naval dockyard, H.M.S. Plover in Hongkong harbour.

He was then rushed to the Matilda Hospital, overlooking the harbour.

The hospital matron, Mrs. Lees, said James' condition was not serious and he had eaten meal unassisted. He was resting in a private room and talking to members of the Australian Commission.

"The matron said she thought James was suffering from nervous exhaustion. A statement issued by the commission said James was lucid, alert and cheerful although he was physically weak."

"Despite his weakness, Mr. James showed a keen interest in our events," it added.

It was thought that China's gesture of releasing Mr. James was a sign of friendship to Australia. The two countries established diplomatic relations last month.

Transplant patients show high incidence of cancer

BOSTON (AP). — Medical researchers are compiling increasing evidence linking cancer with heart and kidney transplants, a member of the Harvard Medical School staff has reported.

Dr. Martin Hirsch said last week that transplant recipients show a "markedly increased" incidence of cancer. He said 96 cases of malignant tumours have been detected in patients throughout the world who have received organ transplants.

Dr. Hirsch said available statistics indicate that rare "reticulum cell sarcomas" are the most common form of cancer encountered in transplant patients. These tumours usually are located in the brain and spinal cord.

Statistics show that this type of cancer occurs 4,000 times as frequently among transplant patients than in a general population of similar age, Dr. Hirsch said.

The worldwide statistics have compiled largely under the direction of Drs. Israel Penn and Theodor Starzl of the University of Colorado and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Denver, Dr. Hirsch said.

These specialists have determined that the over-all incidence of cancer among transplant patients is 10 per cent, a number considerably higher than the 1 per cent usually enough to justify continued transplantation for terminally ill patients, he said.

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J.D.L. demonstration inside U.N. building

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). — Nine young members of the Jewish Defence League staged a short-lived demonstration near the U.N. Security Council chamber yesterday, manning themselves to posts, after charging that U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim had refused to accept their petition about Soviet Jews.

Guards used a chain of seven men and two women. The demonstrators were escorted out of the U.N., after failing to deliver the petition.

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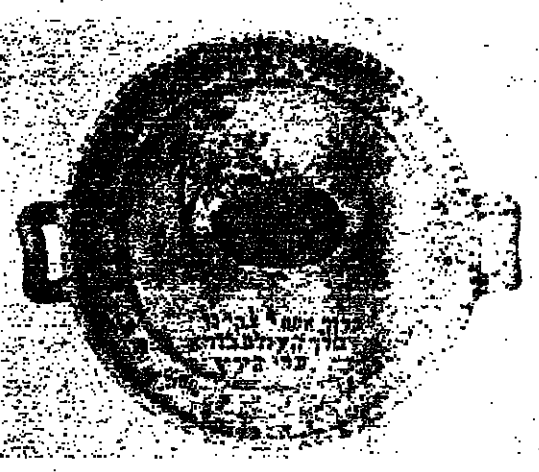
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The Tu-Bishvat festival is marked tomorrow. Dr. Pinchas H. Peli says the New Year for Trees has always been celebrated in the Land of Israel.



Detail of woodcut by Jacob Steinhilber. The illustrations are from a Habadur booklet on the festival prepared for immigrants from the Soviet Union.

A fruit plate for the festival Tu-Bishvat dinner, Austria, 1820. The ceramic plate has the traditional blessing over fruit and around the border, "Fifteenth of the Month of Shvat, New Year for the Fruits of the Tree."

NEW YEAR FOR TREES

TU-BISHVAT, the fifteenth of the month of Shvat, is not mentioned at all in the Bible as a special date of any kind. It is first mentioned in the New Testament (Matthew 23:35) as the day when the Jews were told to plant a tree.

The festival is celebrated in the Land of Israel and in the Diaspora. It is a day of joy and celebration, when people plant trees and eat fruit.

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Russians land second buggy on moon

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The second Soviet automatic moon-lander, Lunokhod-2, was soft-landed on the moon's surface early yesterday morning, and immediately began sending back television pictures to earth, the news agency Tass reported.



Soviet dissident-scientist in Britain for year

LONDON (AP). — A leading Soviet scientist and prominent member of Moscow's small dissident community, Zhores Medvedev, has arrived in Britain on a year's research project, the first time he has left Russia for 20 years.

Mart's parliament of 250 million in first sitting

STRASBOURG (Reuters). — British, Irish and Danish politicians took part in their first meeting of the Common Market's European Parliament here yesterday.

'Despicable anti-Semitism'

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — Israel said this week that the Russian novel, "The Promised Land," by Yuri Kolesnikov, contains "one of the most despicable anti-Jewish libels ever recorded."

'Ration gas' call in California

LOS ANGELES (AP). — A proposal that petrol should be rationed in most of southern California as an anti-smog measure has been proposed by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, William Ruckelshaus.



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With equal anticipation, we look to the challenge of building a new life for the remnant of Jews we must bring here from their persecution in Arab lands. For those who came before, for those upon whom centuries of oppression and deprivation have placed enormous social and cultural handicaps in achieving their fullest potential in Israel's society, we look to the challenge of completing the uncompleted task, to assure for these victims of history a secure and fulfilling future.

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Geoffrey Wigoder's JEWISH SCENE

Why the Russians are letting Jews go

NEWS constantly emerges from the Soviet Union of the struggle of Jewish dissidents fighting for the right to leave the country. The amount of publicity this now obtains must be unwelcome for the Russians, but the courage and apparent recklessness of the dissidents is largely the outcome of the Russians' own dilemma.

As soon as a person applies to leave the country, he is seen by the Russians as a traitor to Soviet Russia. He forfeits any privileges, he loses any decent job and his position in Soviet society. If he had previously had any stake whatever in Russia, this is now pulled away. In this position, the potential emigrant has nothing to lose by spectacular demonstrations, by talking to foreign newsmen or talking freely over the telephone abroad. And all this only serves to whip up the dissident movement inside Russia and strengthen support for it abroad. If these people were left meanwhile in their jobs and in their societal framework, they might be more afraid to stick their necks out. But this would clash with Soviet ideology and so cannot be allowed. And the Soviets find themselves in a vicious circle.

Potential poison

One of the reasons for the breakthrough in emigration has been the Soviet decision that dissidents abroad are less of a danger than those who remain within and "poison the system." The Jews are seen as such a potential poison as they are the main spokesmen of opposition. This assessment of the Soviets is probably correct. Who now hears of Kuznetsov? Had he been still in Russia, he would have been hitting the headlines. And now Chazkiz, whose Committee on Human Rights was extremely significant in the fight inside Russia, was allowed to go abroad — but not to return to Russia.

One remembers the White Russians in Europe and the U.S. in the 1920s and how they faded

away. And we know that Solzhenitsyn is determined not to leave the country because he understands that his moral position, were he outside Russia, would be infinitely less strong. Moreover, there are the brave ones in Russia who realize that if all the dissident leaders were to leave, the movement would collapse, and they feel the moral duty to lead the struggle from within.

An interesting, but largely individual, story of an intellectual who has left Russia has been given by a translator called Lev Navrozov, who is now living in New York. An interview with him has appeared in "Commentary," the prestigious monthly published by the American Jewish Committee.

Navrozov was Jewish on his mother's side but his father was a very typical Russian. His mother was in love with Russian culture and was ecstatic when she found a husband straight out of a Russian novel, and remained deliriously happy even though her life was hell. The father was killed in the war. Even at an early stage Lev and his selected group of friends were criticizing the glaring irrationalism of everything called "Soviet." By his adolescence he felt an infinite abhorrence for everything "Soviet." He could not think of escaping at that time for fear of reprisals against his mother. Despite his inner revolt, he became a successful and comparatively prosperous translator. He lived in a country house with a three-acre grove of birch trees and did not even send his son to school.

The invasion of Czechoslovakia also swept his ivory tower. A Jewish Stalinist neighbour, conscious of a resurgence of power, denounced him as a spy for Israel. Nothing happened. Then by means of a forged receipt, his neighbour denounced him for stealing money. At this time, quite suddenly and contrary to all sober predictions, several people they knew were allowed to go to Israel though they

had no close relations there. This was strange because anyone who had applied to be let out for motives other than joining relatives was considered as having committed a political trespass in that he was slandering the Russian way of life and undermining the authority of those in power, thereby setting a bad example for other inhabitants. In fact, until recently, to apply for a visa to join a relative in Israel was even as bad as applying for a visa to go elsewhere for motives other than joining a relative. And then suddenly it all turned around — applicants for Israel (but for no other country) were being let out even though their relatives in Israel were not "close relations."

Navrozov states that suddenly everything, including his country-house, had become meaningless. In no time, he sold his home and became one of the "Jews applying for exit visas to join their relatives in Israel."

National values

Asked as to the spiritual background of these Jews, he explains that before the Six Day War, Jewishness in Russia was still largely where his mother had left it in 1903 when she went to the gymnasium to study Russian culture. There was an infatuation with everything Russian — which lasted until recent times "when every hack in the hierarchy exclaims Russia — exactly as in the 1930s he exclaims 'Proletariat'." This debasement of Russian national values has served to revive other national values — particularly Jewish ones that now have the tremendous advantage of novelty. And persecution could only add extra appeal, the appeal of a mystery revealed only to the initiated. "The tables are turned," he comments. "At the beginning of the century Jews born of two Jewish parents wanted to be Russian. Now a Russian friend of mine without a streak of Jewish blood in him and having only in-laws in Israel went

there in truly nationalist fervour. My wife gave him as a gift her family relic — a menorah which had been in the family for generations and was kept hidden during the Nazi occupation. This man was one of the pioneers of the exodus in Russia and initiated us and many others."

He continues: "My mother had gone to gymnasium with a vision of educated Russians (according to Russian literature) as fine, noble, intelligent Europeans with a streak of genius about them, and of Jews (according to Jewish literature) as tragicomic freaks, eager to be protected, refined and Europeanized by educated Russians. Somewhere in the unconscious of many Russian Jews the tragicomic imagery lingered until blasted out by the Six Day War. Nothing was believed to be funnier than a Jew forced to fire a rifle. Within six days it became clear that the Jewish State was a modern democracy populated by fine, noble, intelligent Europeans while the Russian military and their Egyptian clients turned out to be the tragicomic freaks."

What you can do

The dissidents demonstrated that those in power had either to give a free hand to state security officials (and to a system of arbitrary reprisals) or had to insist on verifiable proof of trespass. For this "they" charged sometimes with their own blood, the unknown topography of trespass and having revealed this topography for everyone to see, they included in the programme of "what you can do," the act of applying for a visa to join a relative in Israel. At first the visas were not granted. Then one of the dissidents, a physicist, explained to an applicant how she should apply to the court. After all, it is no trespass to apply to the court. To sustain his democratic experiment by experimenting on himself, he also applied for a visa to Israel. Soon both visas were granted. The precedent had been set.

TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Use the same diagram for either the Easy or the Cryptic puzzle.

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

2 Cleared with a broom (5)

3 Insuper (5)

10 Answer (5)

11 Reversely (3)

12 Classical language (5)

13 Bug (7)

14 Ghastly (5)

15 Skill (3)

16 Rapidly behind (5)

21 Declaration of dissent (7)

22 Kilmordun (5)

23 Go into (5)

24 Points of view (7)

25 Frogs (5)

26 Mixed dog (3)

27 Wasp (5)

28 Ocean (3)

29 Water drive (5)

30 Musical instrument (5)

31 Flower (5)

32 Wear away (5)

DOWN

1 Landing stage (5)

4 De dressed in (5)

5 Clergyman (5)

6 Doctrine (5)

7 Natural aptitude (5)

9 Sound of disapproval (5)

12 Written communications (7)

14 In favour of (5)

15 Kilmordun (5)

16 Go into (5)

17 Points of view (7)

18 Diagrams (5)

19 Animal (5)

20 Predicted (7)

21 Antenna (5)

22 Owling (3)

23 Main relative (5)

24 Flapjacks (5)

25 Shop (5)

26 Ruminant (5)

27 Writing implement (5)

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

3 To rob in a way a man (5)

8 Professional stand-in (5)

9 Some new active in comp (5)

11 Tommy's bad associate (5)

12 Currency (5)

13 Bit of rent revision for a bird (7)

15 Two swallows half a pint when warm (5)

16 Is she a day early? (3)

17 Work out how two is divided by five hundred (5)

21 Rees and around evolving problems (5)

22 "Silly" line! (4)

23 Shoggy to have money to gad about? (5)

DOWN

1 Mary, 2, Damsel, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100

SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLES ON FRIDAY

Rugby for boys

By JACK LEON

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Ramat Gan Rugby Club is stepping up its month-old youth training programme under which boys from the age of 10 are receiving weekly coaching from members of the club's "A" XV.

As many as 30 youngsters are taking part in the training sessions, held every Sunday afternoon in conjunction with the local municipality's sports department, club chairman Maurice Epstein told me.

A declarer's problems

By George Levin

BRIDGE

trump in? These are typical of the problems a declarer must frequently face without any certainty of the end result.

Let us look at the whole deal:

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South ♠ A J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

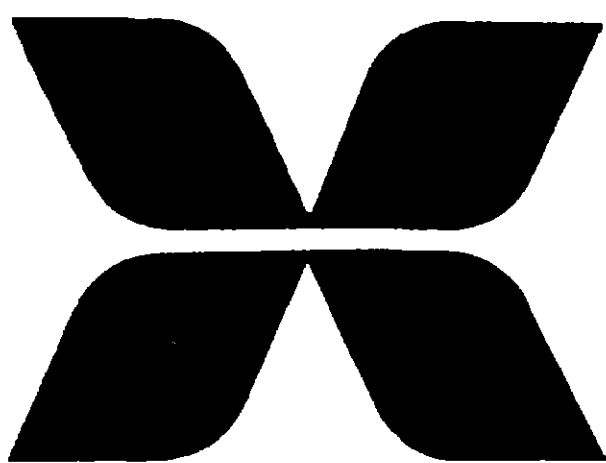
West ♠ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
East ♠ A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

The declarer did play the ♠ Q which was covered by the K and Ace. He then played two rounds of trumps followed by the ♠ J. Since the 10 fell his problems vanished. He played the ♠ 9 discarding his losing ♠ 7. There was a variety of loses on loser plays.

THE MAURICE CASSETTO CUP

The Jerusalem Bridge Federation, which now has 15-20 tables at its weekly tournaments, has a new suit somewhere and might trump then play two rounds of trump before playing the second ♠ trick? Are you certain that you can establish clubs before the opponents

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MUSIC REVIEW Fine young trio

The "Yerav" Trio — Uri Finkha, violin; Shoshana Harel, cello; Yonathan Zak, piano (The Yerav Trio, Jerusalem, 1972).

BACK from their extended tour of the U.S., the three artists showed assured self-confidence as a team, and the pleasure of listening to these three perfectly-attuned young musicians was greater even than before.

The result is heart-warming for traditionalists. It is refreshing to find that the young generation can produce artists who are not concerned simply about achieving honour as soloists in a few, over-repeated, concertos, but who get professional satisfaction in teamwork. They are prepared to share the labours of numberless rehearsals to bring about an identification of outlook and create a new unit of musical excellence and perfection.

Concentrating this time on a programme of standard repertoire, the performance provided full satisfaction. Mozart's uncomplicated Trio in B-flat received an appropriately polished display in light and bright colours and accents; the Beethoven — the famous so-called "Ghost" Trio — was given full attention, with the miraculous slow movement leaving its uncanny effect on the listener through the tense and concentrated efforts of the players (with only too many visual cues being given).

The Mendelssohn — a particularly fast-moving and easy flowing masterpiece of weightless brilliance — was given a flawless and impressive virtuosic interpretation — a fitting climax to a rewarding evening.

YONATHAN BOHEM

Piano recital by Rami Lupa (Tel Aviv, 1972). Lupa (Tel Aviv, 1972). Lupa (Tel Aviv, 1972).

LUPA'S approach to Beethoven is unusual and independent, but unconvincing. In the Pathétique, he dragged the opening theme to such an extent that one almost felt that he was about to stop playing. The rest of the movement was cool and coordinated, but lacked inner drive and movement and there was no real confrontation between it and the first theme. The noble melody of the second movement did not evoke any profound sentiment and his version of the last movement was no real answer to its restlessness.

The Waldstein Sonata was even less convincing. Lupa's foregoing of virtuosity — in spite of his brilliant technical ability — is admirable, but the Waldstein Sonata is one of Beethoven's less introverted works and demands brilliancy and an enormous surge forward of sounds. Except for a few imposing climaxes and some other fascinating moments, Lupa failed to project these elements clearly enough.

In the Schubert, Lupa was transformed. The G-flat Major Impromptu (the third on the programme) was a delicious song without words, its melody rising and falling in a gentle curve, beautifully mixed with the darker shades produced by the left hand. The following A-flat Major Impromptu was also outstanding, its pearl-like arpeggios in perfect contrast with the chord theme. All this was poetry, song and melody, but in the Sonata Lupa introduced a new exciting demonic element. Schubert's last works include this element.

Integrating all the elements of the long, loose first and last movements, Lupa created two compelling structures of great strength, radiating vision and inspiration.

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'778 SAGA'

By Catherine Rosenheimer
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — JOD Week's opening on Sunday night was very much on the old theme. The need to encourage foreign capital investment in the food industry, accounted for by predictions of a major boom in a good many examples of old-new, large scale and technically advanced factories mushrooming overnight (and sometimes folding down with similar speed) were seen alongside the old-fashioned concerns on the exhibit.

Once upon a time, there was a family story behind virtually every Israeli industrial concern. The industrial scene here tends to be towards de-personalization, with the main stories being of over bids, contraband, extension, computerization and all the rest.

The story runs contrary to these. It is the story of a small concern which has grown, slowly surely, over the years, of one that is moving with the times, gradually achieving a firm and satisfactory foothold in the export market. At the same time, it is the story of a firm which, far from its identity as a small family concern, has just recently brought "family wheel" full circle.

The title might be "Balfour of Beit Yitshak" or even the "778 Saga". The story really starts back in 1941 when Fay Isaac and her brother, Coral Benjamin, started making jams in the kitchen. They had graduated with their husbands and wives from London a few years earlier and both Joe Isaacs and Coral Benjamin were finding things as inexperienced farmers on the Beit Yitshak.

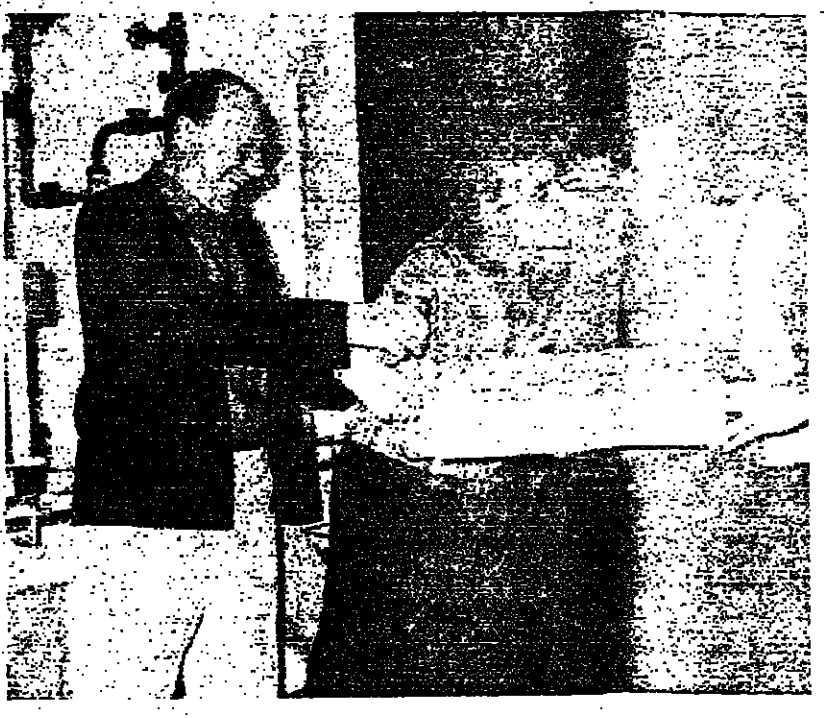
The idea was to boost the meagre incomes by selling "homemade preserves" — an idea which, in the years developed into a line of "7" and "8" brand products in the form of jams and various types of preserves. The present-day chapter in the Yitshak story really started in, in those early years, in the m of Balfour Halfon, then a young Tripolitanian boy just married and the owner of the local taxi.

RESCUED BY BALFOUR

From the start, Balfour took it on himself to help us, and to save us from our lack of knowledge both of the local language and the local customs. He was constantly running errands for us, finding us customers for our first products. There are really no words to describe his loyalty and devotion to us from the start — and it really was mutual love affair.

Balfour would often refuse to accept any payment from us, still his taxi service — and soon on his own initiative, he hired a driver for his taxi and came to work for us full time; I think he was able to afford to work for us all because of the income he got from his taxi. Balfour became Jack's all-trades and really indispensable. It may be fun looking back but believe me it wasn't such fun at the time.

Balfour became not only Beit Yitshak's driver, but also buyer for



The new, expanded Beit Yitshak "family": Left to right, Joe Isaacs, Balfour Halfon, Fay Isaacs and Yehuda Travish — all equal partners in the business.

all kinds of fruits needed, always finding a way, always full of initiative; he acted too as go-between and interpreter for the Isaacs and Benjamin families. "Hebrew was never our strong point." The business grew, slowly but surely; things changed somewhat with the sale of the two families' farms (lots no. 77 and 78, hence the name 778) and a split in partnership when the Benjamins left farming to take up management of the Casares Golf Course in the early '60s.

Production lines moved into the coveys, which had been retained, with a staff consisting of Fay and Joe Isaacs, Balfour as the ever-present right-hand man, and a team of Yemenite girls as seasonal workers. Balfour became Fay's second-in-command on production matters, maintaining contact with the workers, many of whom spoke only Arabic, and, with the assistance of an extra driver or two when necessary.

DESERVED REPUTATION

By this time, Beit Yitshak jams, candied fruits, and preserves had built up a deserved reputation for "homemade" taste and quality on the local market, though they were still being produced in limited quantities only. The Six Day War and the Jerusalem Economic Conference, brought about a major change in the town. Suddenly buyers abroad were keen to order Israeli products, all thoughts were turned to exports.

As a result of the Economic Conference's Food Committee, the Government Finance Corporation took up a 50 per cent, 11,500,000 holding in Beit Yitshak, partly in loans, partly in the form of investments, with the idea of putting the factory on its feet and then, after a few years, of pulling out again. "The factory really grew beyond all expectations; we put up a new building, switched to steam power in place of gas, and by 1970, with Joe in charge, export orders were starting to come in."

"But at the same time, a hard realization was dawning on us: neither of us were any too young — both well into our sixties (hard to believe, when talking to this vivacious and attractive grandmother of ten) and the Government was shortly due to pull out of the business. We realized that there was an urgent need for more efficient and capable staff, for young blood and continuity."

"It was at this stage that we started to consider very seriously selling out the whole business. By 1971, we had two buyers interested... and once again as he had done so often before, Balfour stepped in with a solution. He implored us not to sell, said that the Isaacs family had worked too hard for too long not to benefit from the fruits of their labours — he was also terribly concerned and upset to think that the family atmosphere would go, that we wanted to sell out just at the time when things were really about to boom."

RESELLING IN ISRAEL

Just then, his brother-in-law, Yehuda Travish, paid a short visit to Israel, having spent twenty years in the States as a flight engineer and later as the owner of a big laundry business, looking around for job prospects, hoping to resettle in Israel. Yehuda returned to the States somewhat disappointed — but Balfour

'Lib' means many things

By Lea Levavi
Jerusalem Post Reporter

EXACTLY what kind of "equality" or "liberation" do women want? Are they willing to relinquish the respect and external trappings of womanhood and to accept additional burdens over and above their traditional roles?

These questions were raised again and again at last Thursday's meeting of the International Women's Club — a group composed of Israeli women and wives of foreign diplomats stationed here. Though not by any means a women's lib group, the club devoted this meeting (held at the Tel Aviv Museum) to the controversial and multifaceted problem of women's lib.

Ayodele Aldwumi Otu — a nursing educator and wife of the Ambassador of Ghana — warned women's lib advocates to watch where they are leading their movement. "Women in Ghana are now trying to free themselves from some of their burdens. Women in my country have most of the economy in their hands and also have to bear and raise children. Since polygamous marriage is still acceptable, many men have several wives and each supports her own children."

Flora Grouh-Ledwidge — a French-born novelist and wife of the British Ambassador — objected to the women's lib militants' attempt to create between men and women. "I don't consider men my enemy. I think we really enjoy our men and there can be a beautiful fraternity between men and women. I also wouldn't want to give up my make-up and other feminine amenities."

ROSY PICTURE

Victoria Ostrovsky Cohen — district attorney for the central district — painted a rather rosy picture of women's equal status under Israeli law. "From what I understand, a great many women in the United States and elsewhere would object to the over-protection Israeli

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